

with any number of environmental devices; (e) a closed navigation object which groups, for selection under the one object, a relatively limited number of tasking objects, macro objects, activation objects, common objects, and/or other closed navigation objects; and (f) an open navigation object which groups, for selection under the one object, a relatively large number, if not all, of the active environment's tasking objects (or the tasking objects of the environment's highest priority, or most relevant, or active cluster), as well as any or all macro objects, activation objects, common objects, and/or closed navigation objects. As to objects of non-active environments (or clusters), the formatting function provides for organization thereof by and among various object types; these object types include, as examples, (a) an environment activation object which groups, by respective objects, the environments (clusters) subject to being activated so that, if the object is selected, the active object displays, for selection, the objects of the respective environments (clusters); and (b) a search object which provides access (e.g., via a list or icons) to and of all possible tasks for all environment devices and, preferably, for selected/all supported environments. As to meta-objects, the formatting function provides for organization thereof by and among various object types; these object types include, as examples, (a) a help object which provides access to the help subsystem, (b) navigation objects for moving among selections, formats, and/or presentations (e.g., a forward and/or back icon), and (c) a menu object, which provides access to and of configurations or options applicable to the tasking system, its implementing mechanism, and/or its tasking software system (e.g., a soft button which enables the user to display the presentation on a TV). It is to be recognized that any particular object may be formatted by and among greater than one object type.

In The Claims

Please amend claims 8 and 9, and add new claims 21-30 in the following manner (see Appendix B for claim changes):

8. (Amended) The implementing mechanism as claimed in Claim 7, wherein the object discovery subsystem supports the discovery of environmental devices.
9. (Amended) The implementing mechanism as claimed in Claim 7, wherein the object discovery subsystem supports an introduction function, such function enabling communication of "get-to-know-me" information with environmental devices.